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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ofra Feldbau et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTHENTICATING THE DISPATCH AND CONTENTS OF DOCUMENTS

Group Art Unit: 3642

Examiner: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT II

Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, which is the national phase of PCT Application PCT/IB 96/00859, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 158-161 as follows:

158. A method of authenticating a dispatch and contents of the dispatch from a sender to a recipient, comprising the steps of:

electronically receiving content data representative of the contents of the dispatch originated from the sender, and a destination of the dispatch;

generating a paper document printout of said electronic content data to be dispatched to said recipient via a selected manual delivery service;

providing an indicia relating to a time of the dispatch, said time related indicia being provided in a manner resistant to or indicative of tampering by either of the sender and the

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